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BOOK REVIEWS.

CYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND PROCEDURE. Edited by William Mack and Howard P. Nash. Volume IX. The American Law Book Company, New York, Publishers.

The eighth volume of this series was issued last month. The publication of Volume IX, after so short an interval, confirms our faith in the ability and anxiety of the American Law Book Company to live up to their forecasts, and must be the occasion of a good deal of satisfaction among the profession.

This series is on an assured basis of high merit and stability, and every volume increases the value of the whole series by much more than its own intrinsic worth.

The volume before us is noteworthy, both on account of the importance of the subjects and of the ability with which they are treated. The text is clean-cut, and clear, the illustrations are apposite and illuminating, and there is a great wealth of citation. The analyses are worked out in great detail and give the reader easy access to the law on the particular point that he seeks.

The definitions and explanations of words, phrases and maxims, cover 49 pages, which are by no means the least valuable portion of the book.

The most important articles are those dealing with the subjects "Contempt," "Contracts" and "Copyright."

The article "Contempt" is the work of Mr. Eugene McQuillin, of the St. Louis bar. It covers 68 pages. We venture the assertion that a good many attorneys will be surprised to find what may be considered as a contempt of court. To one who can read between the lines, the article embraces a good deal more than bare husks of the law.

Mr. John D. Lawson, whose treatises on "Contracts," "Bailments," "Rights, Remedies and Practice," and other legal subjects, have won for him an enviable position, is the author of the title "Contracts," which embraces 573 pages. This is a good sized text book in itself, and the fame and standing of the writer make it unnecessary to dwell at all on its value and utility as a work of reference.

The article on "Copyright" has been edited by Mr. Edmund Wetmore, of the New York bar, a gentleman who has been for many years an acknowledged authority on the subject. The article covers 88 pages and seems to cite all the American and English cases to the date of going to press. It shows clearly and ably the development of the law relating to this interesting subject and constitutes an invaluable addition to legal literature. A peculiarly interesting section is that which deals with International Copyright.

Aside from these titles are articles on "Continuances in Civil Cases," 88 pages, by Robert Grattan; "Continuances in Criminal Cases," 47 pages, by Frank E.

Jennings; "Contribution," 16 pages, by Ernest H. Wells; "Conversion," 36 pages, by Frank W. Jones; "Convicts," 15 pages, by Walter H. Michael, and "Coroners," 17 pages by the last named gentleman.

The publishers inform us that Volume X will be issued very soon after the first of January, and that it will be largely taken up by a treatment of the law of "Corporations," by the Hon. Seymour D. Thompson. We shall await this volume with interest, and will give it proper attention when it arrives.